

BEES AND BEE KEEPING

MODEL BEE HIVES.

Reforms Need to Perfect Homes of the Honey Makers.

Beautiful models of hives, of fine finish and paint, which disregard utility and convenience of beekeepers and give the bees a vast amount of extra labor in gathering what we term "bee glue," with which they brace up, strengthen and support the little thin sections and frames so that they will support the weight of the honey when filled, are very nice and aid in the sale of the honey, but are a great loss of time for the bees, and reason dictates that there should be a radical change, giving larger and stronger sections and frames and saving the bees from loss of much time, and the beekeepers the expense of renewing them annually.

Another much needed reform is that frames should be shorter and of greater depth than the now standard frames and sections, for the reason that it will require a much smaller number of the bees to remain in the hive and cluster over the young brood, consequently there would be a greater number of bees in the field and a greater number of young bees would be raised. The more bees there are in a colony, the greater quantity of honey they will gather and store during each honey flow, and the less do they fear the robber bees and moth flies. A colony of despondent bees exercise but little energy, loses its fighting disposition and will not resist a moth fly. I have found them dwelling harmoniously together in the same hive, in a few instances.

Another peculiarity of bees is very remarkable; they have such reverence for their queen that if the colony dies from starvation she is about the last bee that dies in the colony. It seems that they give her the lion's share of their ration. I presume she is possessed of greater vitality and tenacity of life than the worker bees.

I am not troubled with robber bees in the least—in fact, I give them no thought unless when they attack a queenless colony. If so, I transfer the bees into another colony.—J. W. Thomas.

Time to Transfer.

The best time to transfer combs and bees is from April 15 to May 1. At this time the combs are light and free of new honey, and brood-rearing is but fairly started, consequently the work is quickly accomplished, without the loss of brood and a daubing mess of waxing honey, as is the case when combs become filled with new honey, and brood-rearing is in an advanced stage.

Conditions differ so widely that no set of laws can be laid down for all localities. I would, however, make this suggestion, that whenever early blooming trees are present such as soft maples and elms, it will not be necessary to feed bees; for when it becomes warm enough for the bees to fly freely, these trees will be found to yield pollen in abundance. I would set the combs from which the bees have died during winter in an empty hive body, and place them under a strong colony and close up all openings except the entrance under the lower body, compelling the bees to pass over the unoccupied combs continually when leaving or entering their hive. In this way the combs will be kept free from the wax mouth until such time as they can be used for swarms or some other purpose. When the queen gets crowded for space in the upper body she will go down and commence laying eggs in the empty combs below. These combs of hatching brood can be used to great advantage in building up weak colonies or making nuclei.

Bees Need Water.

In the spring the bees require large quantities of water; it frequently happens, in early spring, that they are compelled to go to the creek or to some quiet, ice-covered pond, and in filling themselves with the ice-cold water they become so chilled that many fall to ever reach the hive. To avoid this, place a few wooden pails or dishes filled with warm water at convenient places in the bee-yard; putting in a few wooden floats, that the bees may be enabled to keep on a more or less "secure footing." Avoid tin or glass dishes, as the slippery sides will bring about the destruction of many a bee's life.

When Greek Meets Greek.

A young Irishman in want of \$25 wrote to his uncle as follows: "Dear Uncle: If you could see how I blush for shame as I am writing you would pity me. Why? Because I have to ask you for a few dollars, and do not know how to express myself. It is impossible for me to tell you. I prefer to die. I send you this by messenger, who will wait for an answer. Believe me, my dear uncle, your most obedient and affectionate nephew."

"E. S.—Overcome with remorse for what I have written; I have been running after the messenger in order to recover this letter, but I cannot catch him. Heaven grant that some thing may stop him or that this letter may get lost."

The uncle was naturally touched but was equal to the emergency. He replied as follows:

"My Dear Jack: Console yourself and blush no more. Providence has heard your prayer. The messenger lost your letter. Your affectionate uncle."

"Rag Sale" in Rome.

On Wednesdays in Rome I like to do many others, to go to the "rag sale." It is held by the Jews in their particular quarter of the city. These people are not allowed to have shops, but on this one day in the week they are privileged to sell as much and as many kinds of things as they can on the street. It is a curious sight to see lines stretched across the streets for the hanging up of trousers, blankets, women's and children's clothing, and stuff of all sorts. Then there are tables and stands on which almost everything is sold. Sometimes rare old brocades and church embroideries are to be found among coarse and impossible-looking fabrics. Indeed, it is not difficult to reduce one's letter of credit considerably at the "rag sale."—Detroit News-Tribune.

Weighed in Your Own Scales.

If you impute motives, and pretend to read hearts, others will do the same towards you. A hard and censorious behavior is sure to provoke reprisals. Those around you will pick up the peck measure you have been using, and measure your corn with it. You do not object to men forming a fair opinion of your character, neither are you forbidden to do the same towards them, but as you would object to their sitting in judgment on you, do not sit in judgment upon them.—Spurgeon.

The Weight Man's Woes.

"I couldn't mind this business," acknowledged the man who guesses the weights of people, "if it wasn't for the automobile coats the women wear to hide their figures—how are you to guess a weight unless you see the figure?—and if the crowd didn't nearly die laughing whenever I happen to guess wrong. A lot of them seem to stand around waiting to see me guess wrong, then chortle like fiends."

A Solution.

In one of Boston's primary schools the other day the head master of the district presented a problem for the scholars that would require the use of fractions. He expected the answer "I don't know." The problem: "If I had eight potatoes how could I divide them among nine boys?" One bright-looking youngster raised his hand. "Mash them," promptly replied the young mathematician.

Breton-Gaelic Language.

The Breton language is a branch of the Celtic, which, in turn, includes Gaelic. In its original Celtic form it is still spoken in lower Brittany by more than a million people. There is no record of a single town, that you refer to, that is alone in speaking Gaelic and French.

Chauvinism.

Chauvinism is an expression originally used to denote an intense admiration for the first Napoleon and his regime, but latterly employed to mean an absurd patriotism and pride in one's own country. In this last sense it is the French equivalent of jingoism.

It Quieted Mother.

The house was all paid for! Mother was exultant, jubilant, replete. "Say, mother!" burst out six-year-old Paul eagerly, "print it on your cards. Mother, print it on your cards!"

The Trusts' Reverence.

Of one statute all trusts speak with respect, even with reverence. That is the statute of limitations.

Vision Needs Distance.

Objects which are usually the motives of our travels by land and sea are often overlooked and neglected if they lie under our eye.—Pliny the Younger.

THE JURY DISAGREES.

After Lengthy Deliberation Was Discharged in Disquiet.

"Some years ago, while I was sitting at Vinalia," remarked Attorney William H. Alford, "I was called to Hanford to defend a petty offender in a justice's court. The defendant had demanded a jury trial, and we put in half a day trying to get a jury, only to find at the end of that time that we had one lone juror in the jury box."

"Well, I'm willing to try the case with one juror," said the attorney for the prosecution.

"So am I," I declared.

"And we proceeded with the trial. The arguments were howlingly funny, for the reason that the attorney for the prosecution persisted in addressing the lone juror as 'gentlemen of the jury,' and I succeeded in swelling the jury with a feeling of pride and satisfaction by some timely comment on the self-evident honesty and integrity of the body. I really thought that I had the juror won. Then the constable led him out to the jury room, where he might deliberate with himself. In twenty minutes the juror returned with the announcement that no agreement could be reached."

"What!" thundered the justice of the peace. "You get back there and reach a verdict!"

"The jury was out twenty minutes more."

"The jury disagrees," was the announcement when the court asked the lone juror if he had arrived at a verdict. "You see, it's like this," he went on to explain. "When I consider the testimony of one side I want to find the defendant guilty, and when I consider the testimony of the other witnesses I want to discharge him. I can't agree with myself."

"And the jury was discharged."

Did as He Was Told.

An amusing instance of "literal-mindedness" was afforded not long ago by a bell-boy in a hotel in Washington.

One of the guests, a Congressman from the West, had hurried to the hotel clerk's counter. He had just ten minutes in which to pay his bill, reach the railway station and board his train.

When he hastily had transacted his business with the clerk and had turned to dash out of the door, it suddenly occurred to him that he had forgotten something. "Here, boy!" shouted he to a diminutive negro on the bench "run to room No. 48 just as quick as you can, and see whether I have left a box on the bureau. But hurry, as I have only five minutes."

The boy rushed up the stairs. In two or three minutes he returned, out of breath. "Yes, sah!" he panted, "you left it, sah!"

Cause For Alarm.

The late Dr. Boardman of Philadelphia used to relate this on himself: "I preached a funeral sermon at one time, and spoke on the resurrection. I am sure I spoke longer than was my custom."

"The undertaker was a man of nervous temperament, and the afternoon was going he began to be anxious to be on the way to the cemetery. He finally whispered to one of my members: 'Does your minister always preach as long as that at a funeral?'"

"Well," said the brother, "that is a good sermon."

"Yes," said the undertaker, "the sermon is all right, and I believe in the resurrection, but I am afraid if he does not stop pretty soon I will not get this man buried in time." —Philadelphia Ledger.

Those Girls Again.



Gladys—I refused Ferdie two weeks ago and he has been drinking heavily ever since. Ethel—Isn't it about time he stopped celebrating?

Woman Wants Lover More Than Money.

When "Big men" focus their gigantic intellects upon the affairs of little women and give forth forthright utterances, life takes on a fresh zest. Now and then they turn from their occupation of "making the wheels go round" to stargazing at the world with some pronouncement concerning the eternal feminine.

Sometimes they say an undisciplined thing in such a solemn way that it seems at first glance to gain a new significance but when examined it generally proves to be a bit of Solomon's wisdom warmed over. At other times their sayings merely indicate their profound inability to comprehend the ins and outs of feminine psychology.

Now there is John D. Rockefeller, master of millions, asserting that to make a woman happy all her husband need do is give her plenty of money. This is putting a wife on a level with a mistress, who sells herself for what a man can give her. There are as many women as Mr. Rockefeller has dollars who will rise up to controvert that statement—women who know through experience and others who know by observation that no amount of money and nothing money can buy can bring a genuine, lasting happiness. Women crave money because they are not happy; they cling to it to the four winds to purchase relief from their restlessness.

Mr. Rockefeller put a low estimate on women when he intimates that happiness is found in things material. Any woman will admit she would like to have life's luxuries; would she seem to command everything heart can wish, but the pleasure of possession isn't the form of happiness that is soul-satisfying.

Money is a mighty nice thing to have. It fills a life with opportunities, broadens and illumines it, all the joy of doing it, not all its refinements and luxuries, can make a woman happy unless her heart is satisfied. She may enjoy them, but it takes more to bring real happiness. To love, and be loved—and there you have what Rockefeller's millions cannot buy.

The restlessness, the discontent, the mad rush after some new form of excitement or folly on the part of the rich testify to the unsatisfactory nature of riches. We all want money, we covet the beautiful and careful surroundings it will buy, we'd all like to try the search after happiness with wealth as our lantern, but there isn't a woman of us who wouldn't prize happiness beyond and live and die unsatisfied if she couldn't be loved in the way she wants to be loved, by the one she longs to have love her.—Detroit Free Press.

To Crystallize Fruit.

Crystallized fruit is prepared in different ways. The winter fruits, such as oranges, grapes, preserved cherries and pineapple, are usually dipped into a candy syrup that snaps as soon as it touches water. Each piece of fruit is separately dipped, placed in a bowl of powdered sugar and set aside to harden. Figs are boiled to a pulp, mixed with pulverized sugar, formed into small cakes and dipped into melted sweet or bitter chocolate. Summer fruits are sometimes dried in sugar and packed in boxes with bay leaves and pulverized sugar. Juicy fruits are crystallized in candy syrup. They can not be preserved for a great length of time. Tutti frutti is a species of crystallized fruit, yet it is moist. Berries of different kinds are taken in their season, covered with sugar in a large stone vessel and other fruits are added as desired. Most persons refuse to prepare delicacies in this manner, however, since brandies are added to prevent fermentation of the juices. Possibly if the jar were covered with paraffine when full and kept in a cool place there would be no fermentation. Meaty rose leaves, mint and tasty herbs are candy-dipped and often placed among the fruit or in boxes of candy. Violets are favorites and a few candied violet leaves can be placed among candy. Pineapple is cut into slices, dipped into white or chocolate candy and sometimes covered with coconut. Whole bunches of pink or white grapes are washed and left to drain, dipped into the beaten white of egg and frosted with granulated sugar. This does not destroy the juice. Plums, cherries and the like must be dipped several times, packed in tin boxes and then sealed if they are to be kept long. The tin boxes can be sealed with paraffine paper, wrapped in waxed paper and put in a cool place.

Case After Case.

Plenty More Like This in Canfield

Elk Rhodes, farmer, Maple street, Canfield, O. says: "I am glad to make the fact known that Doan's Kidney Pills cured me of kidney trouble of ten years standing. The pains in my back were sometimes almost unbearable and often I was lame that I could not get about without assistance. I had to arise during the night on account of a kidney weakness and I noticed that if the kidney secretions were allowed to stand, a sediment was deposited. I had one attack after another of this kind and was about to give up in despair, when a friend told me that Doan's Kidney Pills had rid him of a similar trouble. I obtained a supply at Morris' drug store and after I had finished the contents of the second box, I noticed a slight improvement. I was encouraged to continue taking Doan's Kidney Pills and by the time I had used seven or eight boxes, I was completely cured. I now weigh two hundred and fifteen pounds and am in perfect health."

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Civilization Defined.

An Inquirer wants us to define civilization. Suppose we say it is the process of learning to use dangerous tools—liberty, luxury, wealth, education, organization, art, music—they are all dangerous. Civilization exposes us to them all.—Harper's Weekly.

Nature's Way of Evening Up.

From the gutter and the garret the poorhouse cell, and the doorstep have come men and women who by nobility of their lives and by worthy actions have adorned the brows of humanity with laurels of real merit which shall keep green for generations to behold.

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